

Atlantic Coast Pipeline

Project Overview

Increasing the availability of natural gas supplies in West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina is important to the economy and environment of the region. It can mean more jobs, lower prices to heat and power homes and businesses, and cleaner air.

To meet that need, Dominion is proceeding to build a new natural gas pipeline. The Atlantic Coast Pipeline, formerly known as the Southeast Reliability Project, would originate in Harrison County, W. Va., run to Greensville County, Va., and then south into eastern North Carolina. A lateral extension is planned from the Virginia-North Carolina border to Hampton Roads.

The benefits of natural gas are clear. The newfound abundance of domestic supplies has made it a low-cost energy source that is decreasing the nation's dependence on foreign imports. When burned, natural gas produces significantly lower emissions than coal, including just half the carbon.

The pipeline would provide a dependable supply of natural gas for electric utilities in the region looking to use natural gas as a cleaner option to generate electricity. It also would help local gas utilities serve their customers with a new, reliable source of supply, and permit businesses to build or expand their operations.

Length: Approximately 550 miles

Pipe: 42-inch diameter in West Virginia and Virginia, 36-inch diameter in North Carolina, 20-inch diameter to Hampton Roads

Capacity: 1.5 billion cubic feet/day

Three Compressor Station Locations:

- 1 Lewis County, West Virginia
- 2. Buckingham County, Virginia
- 3. Northampton County, North Carolina

Route: The final pipeline route has not been selected. Dominion is conducting surveys and will determine the best route based on landowner input and an assessment of environmental, historic and cultural impacts.

Outreach and Schedule

Dominion has notified landowners along a 400-foot wide study corridor. Preliminary survey work and route planning is under way. If the decision is made to move ahead with the project, Dominion must obtain approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The FERC will coordinate with other federal and state agencies to thoroughly address land, air, water, noise, species, economic impacts and other issues. The proposed pipeline would be designed, constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with FERC and U.S. Department of Transportation standards, and all other applicable regulations, standards and guidelines for safety.

Dominion also is committed to providing a variety of opportunities to gather input from stakeholders. All federal, state and local permits and right-of-way access will be obtained prior to starting pipeline construction.

Activity	Expected Timing
Survey/route planning	May-Dec 2014
FERC Pre-Filing Request	Fall 2014
FERC Application	Summer 2015
FERC Certificate	Summer 2016
Construction	2017-2018
In-service	Late 2018

About Dominion

With more than 100 years of service, Dominion is one of the nation's most experienced operators of natural gas pipelines and storage systems. It operates nearly 8,000 miles of interstate pipeline in six states.

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